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SUBJECT: ATTACHE TITLE FOR MASERU AID OPERATIONS OFFICER

REF: MASERU 1571

1. AS REQUESTED IN REFTTEL, DEPARTMENT HAS REVIEWED
DECISION NOT TO GRANT ATTACHE TITLE TO PRESENT INCUMBENT
OF USAID OPERATIONS OFFICER POSITION IN MASERU.
OBSERVATIONS MADE IN REFTTEL REGARDING MR. CAMPBELL'S
EXPANDED DUTIES AND SOCIAL CONTACTS ARE QUITE VALID.
HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT'S POLICY IS TO LIMIT DIPLOMATIC TITLES
FOR USAID PERSONNEL TO MISSION DIRECTORS AND THEIR
DEPUTIES. UNDER PRESENT ORGANIZATION OF USAID IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA, MISSION DIRECTOR FOR LESOTHO IS CONSIDERED TO BE
OSARAC DIRECTOR IN MBABANE.

2. AS YOU KNOW, ON OCTOBER 1 OSARAC IS SCHEDULED TO BE
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DISBANDED AND REPLACED BY INDEPENDENT COUNTRY MISSIONS IN
THE BLS COUNTRIES. THIS CHANGE WILL MEAN THAT NEW MISSION
DIRECTORS, WHEN FORMALLY NAMED, WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR
DIPLOMATIC TITLE REGARDLESS OF THEIR PERSONAL RANK.
DEPARTMENT THEREFORE UNWILLING TO MAKE EXCEPTION TO
GENERAL POLICY BY ACCORDING ATTACHE TITLES NOW TO USAID

OPERATIONS OFFICERS IN BLS COUNTRIES BECAUSE OF THEIR
ANOMOLOUS CURRENT STATUS AS QUASI MISSION DIRECTORS
SINCE ISSUE WILL BE RENDERED MOOT BY IMPENDING CHANGE
TO FULL-FLEDGED MISSION STATUS. CHRISTOPHER

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